

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed July 13, 2006 (“*Office Action*”). Claims 1-11 and 13-20 are pending in the Application. The Examiner rejects Claim 18 and objects to Claims 19 and 20. To advance prosecution of this Application, Applicants cancel Claims 18-20 and add Claims 21 and 22. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

I. Allowable Subject Matter and Claim Objections

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner’s indication that Claims 1-11 and 13-17 are allowed. *Office Action*, p. 2. The Examiner objects to Claims 19 and 20 as depending upon a rejected base claim. *Id.* Applicants appreciate the Examiner’s favorable consideration of these claims.

To hasten issuance of allowable subject matter, Applicants: (1) add Claim 21 to rewrite dependent Claim 19 in independent form, (2) add Claim 22 to rewrite dependent Claim 20 in independent form, and (3) cancel Claims 18, 19, and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, independent Claims 21 and 22 are now in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner’s indications. Because all pending claims are in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all claims.

II. 35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,855,430 issued to Coushaine et al. (“*Coushaine*”).

As noted above, Applicants have canceled Claim 18 and placed all pending claims in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner’s indications. Applicants respectfully request allowance all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

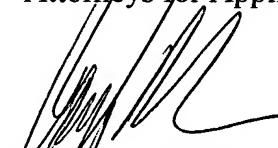
Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$200.00 for an additional independent claim to Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

Respectfully submitted,

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